

United States Government

Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration

# memorandum

DATE: August 21, 1998

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: ECN-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Watershed Management Program EIS, Project No. 5511600

TO: Thomas C. McKinney – NEPA Compliance Officer

**Proposed Action:** Foster Property Acquisition **Budget No.:** F3764

**Watershed Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis (See App. A of the Watershed Management Program EIS):** 4.2 Water Measuring Devices, 4.6 Sprinkler Irrigation, 4.10 Water Conveyance: Pipeline, 4.18 Purchase/Negotiate Water Right

**Location:** Yakima County, Yakima, Washington. **Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and The Yakama Indian Nation (YIN).

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to acquire property currently owned by Charles E. Foster and Margaret Foster in Yakima County, Washington, in the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 14 North, Range 18. The property will be used for riparian vegetation restoration purposes.

**Analysis:** The compliance checklist for this project was completed by Scott Nicolai of the Yakama Indian Nation and meets the standards and guidelines for the Watershed Management Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in a letter dated June 10, 1998, listed Peregrine falcon, Bald eagle, Northern spotted owl, and Bull trout as the only threatened and endangered species that may occur in the project area. Because the property will only be used for riparian planting to increase vegetation, there will be no impact to any of the above listed threatened and endangered species. No vegetation will be removed and there will be no in-stream work being done. Therefore, it is BPA's opinion that the proposed action will not affect Peregrine falcon, Bald eagle, Northern spotted owl, or Bull Trout.

A Cultural Resources Survey of the project area was conducted on July 23, 1998. No evidence of prehistoric occupation or activity was found during the survey. One wooden pipe segment, possibly historic in age, was found on a river cobble flat adjacent to the river, but it has been moved to this location by floodwaters. No additional surface or subsurface cultural resources were identified in the project area. The proposed project would have no effect on cultural resources.

The Office of Pollution Prevention and Abatement conducted a Phase I Environmental Land Audit (ELA) for the Foster Property Acquisition on July 29, 1998. Based on the finding of the Phase I ELA, there is no evidence of hazardous substance contamination on the Foster property. Overall, the inherent risk for hazardous material contamination associated with the property appears to be low and should not be a concern regarding acquisition of the property.

**Findings:** The project is generally consistent with Section 7.6A.1 AND 7.6A.2 of the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. The attached Supplement Analysis finds 1) that the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265) and ROD, and; 2) that there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

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Eric N. Powers - ECN Project Lead  
Environment, Fish and Wildlife Group

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Thomas C. McKinney  
NEPA Compliance Officer

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**Attachments:**

NEPA Compliance Checklist  
Cultural Resources Survey Report  
Memo to the File  
Environmental Land Audit Report

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